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Chocks away as Paul aims to build Spitfires

A FLYING club owner who wants to build a squadron of 12 replica Spitfires has completed his first model.

Now Paul Fowler wants to speed up finishing the rest of the £3.7m project so a team of pilots can fly the new County of Oxford Squadron over The Mall in London to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The Enstone Flying Club boss, who first came up with the squadron idea in 2011, plans to take 12 veteran Spitfire pilots on the fly-past on September 15 next year.

But he needs hundreds of volunteers and millions of pounds to realise his dream

Enstone resident Mr Fowler, 53, said: "Spitfires are the most recognised aeroplanes on the planet and unmistakably British. As far as I'm aware,



building a squadron of such aeroplanes has never been done anywhere in the world – apart from during the war. This is a massive challenge. It just comes down to sheer determination, as well as money and support."

The 90 per cent scale planes – costing about £220,000 each – are two-seaters,

built from a kit. Mr Fowler hopes to fund them through selling part shares of up to £20.000 each

About 200 people are needed to work on building the rest of the squadron, which would also tour air shows in the UK and Europe.

See: enstoneflyingclub.co.uk/cp7.php

■ Police find £200,000 of cocaine in driver's car

DRUGS CHASE ENDS IN JAIL

A MAN who tried to escape from police carrying £200,000 worth of cocaine in his car has been jailed for more than six years.

Stephen Ryan, of Broome Way, Banbury, admitted possessing the Class-A drug with intent to supply, dangerous driving and failing to stop for police.

Matthew Walsh, prosecuting, said the 56year-old was spotted by plain-clothed police officers in the car park of a Toby Carvery in Ermont Way on July 4 this year.

He said the defendant was approached by another man and took a package out of the boot of his accomplice's car at about 6pm.

Mr Walsh said officers in uniform then chased Ryan's BMW as he tried to escape by driving above the speed limit, mounting the kerb and forcing other cars and pedestrians to get out of his way.

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The barrister said even after two of his tyres were punctured by a police spike stick he did not stop until his car ended up in a ditch near the A422.

By Joe Nimmo

He said the package turned out to contain 993g of cocaine with a high purity of 72 per cent and an estimated street value of £200,000.

Mr Walsh said Ryan had a number of previous convictions, including for robbery and burglary when he was much younger.

But he added that in 2004 he was involved in a conspiracy to supply cannabis and amphetamines, for which he received a nine-year prison sentence.

Sarah Holland, defending, said her client had started his own business after coming out of prison, but was in financial trouble because of a bridging loan he had taken out.

She said: "His role in this was limited to one of carrying, not of cutting or preparing these drugs for any form of commercial husiness."

Sentencing him last week at Oxford Crown Court, Judge Patrick Eccles told Ryan that being involved with a drugs "syndicate" was very serious, but he accepted the

defendant's role was only that of a driver.

He sentenced him to five years and nine months for drug dealing and 12 months for dangerous driving, to run consecutively.

Ryan will also have to pay a £120 victims' urcharge.



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Inbrief

New move in Taser probe

■ AN investigation into a police officer firing a Taser at a knifewielding man at Banbury Station has been handed back to Thames Valley Police. The officer fired a Taser at the man, who police said was harming himself, after he scaled a signal gantry on Monday, September 4. It is not yet clear whether he was hit by the stungun dart. The man fell from the gantry at about 2pm and was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, where he remains in a stable condition. The police force asked for an investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, which has now referred it back to Thames Valley Police for a local investigation.

School venue for ambassador's visit

A SCHOOL near Banbury will be playing host to the Irish ambassador tomorrow.

Dan Mulhall, the Irish ambassador to Great Britain is due to give a keynote speech to pupils at Bloxham School about Great Britain and Ireland's relationship with each other and with Europe.

The ambassador will also meet with Oxfordshire businesses at the event to discuss trade opportunities with the Emerald Isle.

Mr Mulhall said: "Meeting with local business leaders will be an opportunity highlight the importance of the business partnerships between Britain and Ireland and how they can be enhanced even further."

Richard Hunter, chairman of the Banbury Chamber of Commerce, said: "Ireland is a key trading partner for the UK and this is a great opportunity for major businesses in the area to find out more about what this vibrant market has to offer."

Mr Mulhall will conclude his visit by opening the school's new sports studio and taking part in a *Twitter* Q&A.



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■ I was just being Christian, jury told

Council chief denies sex assault claim

A COUNCIL team leader has told jurors he was being Christian when he touched a woman's leg and tried to kiss her in her bedroom.

Peter Brown, of Oxfordshire County Council's roads and transport department, is accused of groping the woman on her bed after coming to fix her ensuite shower.

But the 56-year-old, also chairman of his village parish council for more than 20 years, denies the sexual assault and claims he only squeezed the unnamed woman's leg to comfort her.

He took to the witness stand on Monday and told Oxford Crown Court jurors: "There was no sexual intent there. It was merely a comforting gesture."

The alleged victim told jurors last week that Brown had behaved inappropriately and got too close to her in the months before the incident in September 2011.

A neighbour of the alleged victim, said that when her friend described the incident to her two weeks later she was "tearful and distressed".

The trial, which began on Wednesday of last week, heard that before the alleged assault there had been a number of incidents which led the complainant to think Brown was "creepy".

But Brown, of Drayton, said he was trying to be a friend to the woman and support her.

He said he offered to fix her shower the day before he left on a month-long Christian mission to help build schools in Zambia.

But he said after doing the DIY job he set off the woman's vibrator accidently when he sat down on her bed.

The married dad-of-three then said the woman started talking openly about her sex life and how lonely she felt.

He said he touched her leg and moved to kiss her on the cheek before she put her

By Ben Wilkinson and Joe Nimmo

hands around his throat and pushed him

Brown said: "I was quite disturbed having a long sexual conversation with her.

"I was quite disturbed for her and I wanted her to know someone cared for her.

"She is a human being and my Christian upbringing and my Christian faith tell me I should be helping others."

He added: "I admit I made a mistake even thinking about kissing her."

The churchgoer said he had found the conversation about the woman's sex life interesting

interesting.

He said: "It was outside of my experience, outside of my radar.

"I certainly don't get any bondage at home nor do I want any bondage at home."

But prosecutor Robert Spencer-Bernard, in cross-examination, said he did not accept Brown's version of events.

He said: "I suggest you did more than put your hand on her thigh. You put your hands up her back and her front and started fondling her breasts."

Brown denied it, adding: "I never wanted a sexual relationship with her."

But Mr Spencer-Bernard said: "What you did was to force yourself on her sexually and you knew perfectly well that you were doing wrong and she didn't want it.

"Over the months you had been testing her – some would say grooming her."

Brown said: "I did not force myself on her sexually. There was no intention of having sex or anything.

"There was no intention to groom her. I am a happily married man."

The trial continues.

Verdict on crash of 1941 plane

A VINTAGE aircraft owned by a Great Rollright man crash-landed after its pilot failed to set up its orientation correctly. The 1941-built Tiger Moth, registered to

John Brychan Steel, was left severely damaged after ending up upside down on a runway on the morning of May 3. A report released by the Air Accidents

Investigation Branch into the crash says that the pilot – who is not identified – acknowledged his fault in the crash.

The report said: "Whilst landing, the aircraft bounced and flipped inverted,

aircraft bounced and flipped inverted, causing extensive damage.

"The pilot acknowledged that he had

"The pilot acknowledged that he had failed to set up the aircraft's attitude correctly on landing."

The crash took place at crash at

Rendcomb Airfield, near Cirencester. Both the 59-year-old pilot and his passenger walked away unharmed.

The aircraft suffered damage to its propeller, cowls, wings, fuel tank and rear

fuselage in the crash.

According to the report, the pilot had

1,748 hours of flying experience.
The de Havilland Tiger Moth is a biplane which was designed in the 1930s

biplane which was designed in the 1930s and was once used by the RAF – with half of the force's planes built at Cowley.

Campaign wins recycling award

A CHRISTMAS recycling campaign run by Cherwell District Council won an award for the Best Information Technology and Communication Initiative at the annual Association of Public Service Excellence awards.

Last year's recycling campaign – A Rubbish Guide to Christmas – used an advent calendar on Facebook to help people learn more about which bins should be used for certain types of rubbish.

The campaign reached an audience of more than 160,000 people and increased recycling rates by 11 per cent.

Cherwell was shortlisted for the award alongside six other authorities, winning a trophy and certificate.

The council's officers were handed the award at a ceremony in Nottingham's Ice

Arena.

Echoes of 1700s to return to historic parkland

A THREE-year project will take place to restore an historic parkland to its original glory.

The National Trust will clear trees at

stately home Farnborough Hall, near Banbury, to recreate the design that architect William Holbech II created in the 18th century. The fermee ornee, or ornamental farm as it is known in English,

was popular in landscape design in the 1700s and championed by French aristocrats, including French queen Marie Antoinette.

It involved creating parkland with ornamental hedgerows and shrubberies and a working farm.

Julie Smith, general manager at Farnborough Hall, said: "The ferme ornee

fashions meant that the original designs of

many country estates were planted over.
"At Farnborough Hall many of the picturesque views have been lost due to tree growth over the centuries - but it is fairly easy to recreate the landscape as it was recorded in 1772, with tree planting and some undergrowth clearance."

Fundraisers hit a £30,000 milestone

By Pete Hughes

JUST over 13 years ago, Paul Mason and his wife, Iris, adopted a daughter, Megan.

In 2001, he founded Paul Mason Consulting, and for the last five years he has used the firm's manpower to raise more than £30,000 for the Banbury-based charity which helped them, Adoption UK.

In their latest stunt, 11 members staff, family and friends cycled 151 miles across England, from Whitehaven to Tynemouth, to raise £3,500 for the charity.

Mr Mason, 51, said: "My family has personal experience of the value and support that Adoption UK gives. But I am just one of a number of people in the organisation engaged with the issues they deal in.

"Over the years we have climbed mountains, jumped out of planes, done all sorts of fundraising

Although he did not join the cycle challenge, he said members of staff "spontaneously" decided to take on the

trek for the charity. One of those on the ride, managing director Huw Thomas, said: "It was a challenging ride for all who took part physically and psychologically.

"Although everyone trained extensively, the team still got a bit of a shock on the first day. But some amazing camaraderie helped them with all the highs and lows.

"It gave everyone an overwhelming sense of achievement and memories they will never

They are now looking for the next challenge to help support Adoption UK."

Of the 4,000 children adopted each year n England, the majority are removed from families faced with major problems.

Their early childhood experiences can often lead to behavioural, physical and emotional difficulties which can pose a challenge to an adoptive family.

Adoption UK, of The Green, South Bar Street, Banbury, helps support these families as well as raising awareness about the issues around adoption.

Susannah Forkun, head of fundraising at the charity, said: "Congratulations to the PMC team. I know from meeting some of them after the event what a difficult challenge this

"Thanks to everyone who took part and made this fundraising event such a success.

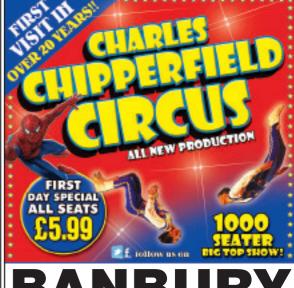
"PMC and their staff have been supporters of the charity for some years now and their enthusiasm and willingness to try challenges such as this is wonderful to see.

"Their fundraising is making a real difference to the work Adoption UK does across the UK '

People can still sponsor the PMC team and support the work of Adoption UK by donating at: justgiving.com/PMC-C2C/

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LEFT: The Paul Mason Consulting cvclists take a break on their fundraising ride, on their journey across England from Whitehaven to Tynemouth



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InBRIEF

Man admits shop assault

■ A MAN who assaulted a woman in a Banbury clothes shop has been handed a community order. Mohammed Bashrat, of West Street, Banbury, admitted carrying out the crime in H&M. Castle **Ouav Shopping Centre. The** 35-year-old, who has previous convictions for causing grievous bodily harm and robbery, grabbed a female shopper on December 19 last year. On Friday at Oxford Crown Court, he was handed a community order with a 12month supervision requirement and ordered to pay £250 costs.

Charity awards

■ NOMINATIONS have been invited for the Oxfordshire Charity and Volunteer Awards 2015. There are several categories for the awards, including the lifetime achievement award, best new group award and best innovation award. A panel of judges will decide which groups and individuals are successful and will tell both the nominees and those who put them forward. Nominations close at noon on October 1 and can be made online at ocva.org.uk/ Awards2015

Season ends after swimmers flock to town's outdoor pool

THOUSANDS of residents made a splash at an outdoor swimming pool this summer.

It has been revealed more than 17,000 visitors enjoyed Woodgreen Leisure Centre's open air pool, in Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, before it closed earlier this month.

The town's facility catered for visitors of all ages from May 24 until Friday, September 12.

The deputy leader of Cherwell District Council, George Reynolds, said: "Every year thousands of people choose the open-air pool as the ideal place to while away the lazy summer days. This year has been no exception.

"Although only open for select months of the year, the pool continues to prove its popularity and remains an incredibly well used facility, not just for the people of Banbury, but also the surrounding area.

"With autumn now creeping up the time has come to bid farewell to summer and subsequently the pool, which has now closed its doors for another year."

■ Tributes are paid to more than 100 care staff at ceremony

Awards honour for the 'undervalued' workers

EVERYONE knows of someone who goes into care at some point in their lives.

Yet according to one of Oxfordshire's leading care providers, The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT), carers are still undervalued.

Last Thursday, OSJCT held its first Oxfordshire staff awards ceremony at Oxford Town Hall, presenting certificates to 100 of its best carers.

Among them was Julie Jeffery, who works at The Lake House, Adderbury.

She became a carer because she could fit the hours around raising her four children.

Now, 29 years later, two of her daughters and her niece work with her at The Lake House. Mrs Jeffrey said: "I

By Pete Hughes

couldn't think of doing any other job."

As a care leader Mrs Jeffery, 53, is in charge of a team of carers, overseeing residents' medication plans, GP visits and more

OSJCT operations director Dan Hayes said: "Julie has given 16 years of service to The Lake House, and is highly respected in her post as care leader.

"She is a hard worker who is always willing to go the extra mile for residents and staff.

"Her friendly and supportive nature make it easy for staff to approach her with any issues which she is always pleased to help resolve."

In return, Mrs Jeffery, of Banbury, said OSJCT felt "like a family" to her.

She said: "Residents' families always thank you for looking after people, and they say they feel welcome in the house."

At the ceremony, trust directors presented awards to more than 100 staff, for long service, dedication, leadership or volunteering.

Nomination forms are available at all OSJCT homes all year round, and anyone can make a nomination — staff, residents or their relatives.

Oxfordshire's director of public health, Jonathan McWilliam, has described the county's ageing population as the "number one health care challenge".

The number of over-85s is predicted to increase by 168 per cent between 2011 and 2035, from 14,683 to 39,400.

The OSJCT cares for about 1,000 elderly people in Oxfordshire at a cost of about £25m a year and has waiting lists for many of its homes.

But strategy director Sara Livadeas



Julie Jeffery, pictured left, at the The Orders of St John Care Trust, Oxfordshire, staff awards night, with fellow award winners Vilma Nuzi and Louise Axtell

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said care workers were still undervalued.

She said: "It's seen as women's work. It isn't remunerated well in general, but dementia is an increasing problem."

One in four people over 80 and nearly half of people over 90 in the UK have dementia.

The illness is correlated with age, so as the population lives longer, numbers increase, and Ms Livadeas said: "Life expectancy is increasing by the minute.

"That is why it is so important to value carers. For a lot of our staff, it is more of a vocation — they do it because they love the work, because they love people.

"We need to value our staff so that they value the residents. This is just a small token to show we do value them."

The awards — certificates and

The awards — certificates and flowers — were also presented to staff for earning qualifications and to whole homes for meeting the trust's internal standards.

Operations director Dan Hayes told staff at the ceremony: "You do a challenging job.

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Fire service salute to the brave

A MAN from Shenington, who rescued a neighbour from a fire, was among lifesavers who were honoured for their bravery by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Clint Walther, of Mill Lane, was presented with a commendation award by chief fire officer David Etheridge in a ceremony at the service's Kidlington Fire Station headquarters.

His neighbour, who was suffering from a brain disease, had become disorientated due to waist-high

smoke coming from a fire in her home on November 22 last year.

Mr Walther rescued her from the property. Firefighters later said his actions saved her life.

Other recipients include fisherman Roy Walker, from Buckingham, and Swindon resident Mark Seagroatt.

They helped a 69-year-old woman and her 70-year-old husband out of the river near Day's Lock at Little Wittenham, on October 6 last year.

The woman was stuck between a

boat and the riverbank after falling out of the vessel, while her husband entered the water to try keep to her afloat.

The couple were pulled out of the water by Mr Walker and Mr Seagroatt, who heard their shouts for help.

Mr Etheridge said: "These awards are very rarely given out. The criteria is without the recipients' actions, would life or lives have been lost? Certainly on both of these occasions the answer would have undoubtedly been yes."

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Inquest told of man's death after cellar fall



■ Verdict on 'heavily intoxicated man'

A MAN who was "heavily intoxicated" died after falling into a cellar window, an inquest heard last week.

Roger Callow, 67, was found lying face-down in a gap outside a property in New Street, Deddington, in the early hours of Friday, May 23. The retired kitchen assistant had last been seen leaving the nearby Crown and Tuns pub, where staff said he could not stand up without

LEFT: The scene of the accident in New Street, Deddington

RIGHT: The cellar window



assistance after drinking heavily. Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard how Mr Callow, of The Paddocks, Deddington, was a regular drinker at the pub and had left shortly after midnight.

Chartered accountant Peter Daniel, who lives about 50ft away from the pub, left his home to pick up his wife from the train station at hour later. In a statement, Mr Daniel said he noticed a man lying with his head at the bottom of a 3ft hole in front of a cellar window next to the front door, and dialled 999.

Mr Callow, who was single, had no pulse and despite attempts by paramedics to resuscitate him, he was pronounced dead at the scene at about 1.30am.

Police believe Mr Callow may have tried using walls to guide himself as he left the pub because he was struggling to walk but fell because Mr Daniel's home was further back from the footpath.

A post-mortem examination found he had a large bruise on his head but this was not sufficient to kill him, while alcohol levels in his blood were four times the drinkdriving limit.

Consultant pathologist Prof Ian Roberts said in a statement he died from positional asphyxiation due to alcohol intoxication and the head

Coroner Darren Salter recorded a verdict of accidental death.

InBRIEF

Debate over new candidate

■ THE executive committee of North Oxfordshire Conservatives will meet next month to decide how a candidate for the Banbury constituency will be selected. Earlier this month **Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry** announced that he would be stepping down at the next election after more than 30 years in Parliament. His branch executive will meet on Wednesday, October 8, to agree an approach for selecting a new prospective parliamentary candidate. After this meeting applications for the vacancy will formally open. A candidate is expected to be appointed by the end of the

Accident drama

■ AN elderly man was taken to hospital after an accident with a car in Banbury last Thursday. The incident, which happened in West Bar Street at about 2pm, involved a white Ford Fiesta. The man was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Thames Valley Police said he had potentially serious injuries.



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Last-gasp bid to apply for a grant

By Annabal Bagdi

CHARITIES across the county have just one more day left to apply for grants of up to £10,000.

The Banbury Cake's parent company, Gannett Media, is offering grants through its charitable arm, the Gannett Foundation.

Charities in Oxfordshire can apply online for funds to support their community projects.

The foundation is offering donations of between £5,000 and £10,000 towards projects of any size which will have a lasting benefit to the community.

The Banbury Cake's editor, Simon O'Neill, said: "We support those registered charities with projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged or disabled people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

"While preference may be given to ideas which create a durable legacy for the

community, we will consider single events or projects of limited duration that otherwise meet our criteria.'

Previous beneficiaries of Gannett grants include the charity Oxtalk, which provides talking newspapers to about 100 Oxfordshire residents.

The charity was awarded £3,000 to buy 200 USB sticks to send weekly digital



Editor Simon O'Neill

recordings of newspaper stories to subscribers.

Oxford charity Yellow Submarine, which supports people with learning disabilities, also won £10,800 in 2012.

Applications must be received by 5pm tomorrow.

Completed forms and supporting documents can be emailed to

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Online aid for school places

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PARENTS can now apply online for their children's primary and secondary school places.

Applications for oungsters due to begin school next September are now open.

Oxfordshire County Council is urging families to apply online rather than through the post to speed up the application process.

The council's education chief, Melinda Tilley, pictured, said: "It's important that parents ensure they apply for a school place for their child on time, as this increases the chances we will be able to offer them a place at a school listed among their preferences.

"Understandably, many parents have strong views about which school they would like their child to attend, however, we would always urge families to state three preferences on their application form, and include their catchment school as one of these even if it is their third preference



"This does not in any way reduce the chances of securing a place at your first-preference school."

The council will still accept postal applications which are available from all Oxfordshire schools and nurseries, as well as the County Hall reception, in New Road.

Information booklets will also be available at these locations and at all of the county's libraries.

Parents need to apply for secondary school places by October 31, 2014, and primary school places by January 15, 2015.

For more information visit oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/cont ent/online-schoolapplications

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Classic picture in the running for a contest prize

A LOCAL amateur photographer is in the running to secure a podium finish in a national photography contest, which could soon see one of his pictures make motorcycle

Dennis Goodwin, 54, a sales

Dennis

Nash

Goodwin's

entry into

the Carole

Moto Foto

contest

manager from Middleton Cheney, has made it through to the final round of Carole Nash's inaugural photo-biking contest, named Moto

Organised by one of the UK's leading motorbike insurance brokers and run in partnership with specialist rider magazine Motorcycle News, Moto Foto aims to fuse two of Britain's most passionate pastimes, motorcycling and photography. There are four categories: action, scenic, static bike images and bike

photography experts.

If selected as one of the 12 winners, Dennis could see his photo featured in Carole Nash's soughtafter official 2015 calendar, which will be handed out to thousands of bike fans at the Motorcycle Live Show, which takes place at the NEC in Birmingham in November.

Dennis is also in the running to win £1,000 in cash and a Nikon D7100 digital camera kit, worth more than £1,000.

He said: "I'm really chuffed that my photo has been shortlisted and that it could make it into Carole Nash's 2015 calendar."

Rebecca Donohue, head of marketing at Carole Nash, said: "We've been overwhelmed with the quality of the entries. There are some really fantastic biking photographers out there! Myself and all at Carole Nash wish Dennis the very best of luck!"

For further details, see: carolenash.com/motofoto

former biker himself, entered his picture into the competition's action category and has been shortlisted as a finalist by a panel of biking and

■ TOMORROW's Banbury job fair will provide the opportunity for jobseekers to meet with more than 20 organisations offering vacancies. Local employers will host stands at Banbury Town Hall promoting current vacancies and job opportunities and meet those seeking employment. Marks & Spencer, McDonalds, Oxfordshire Business **Enterprises and Cherwell** District Council are among those to confirm their attendance. The free event is being held tomorrow, from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

InBRIEF

Jobs on offer

at town fair

Ambassadors

■ VOLUNTEERS are being sought by Healthwatch Oxfordshire, the county's official health and social care watchdog. It is seeking Healthwatch Ambassadors to attend events, give presentations and distribute information. It is also seeking Healthwatch Champions to collect views from their communities and "Enter and View" volunteers to enter health and social premises to carry out assessments. To apply call 01865 520520 or hello@healthwatch



Half of hospitals' contingency budget goes in four months

Warning over spending on agency staff

BOSSES at the county's main hospitals are having to spend millions of pounds extra on agency workers due to staff shortages.

Finance director Mark Mansfield warned Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust was in a "very volatile position" after it was revealed spending on bank and agency staff had risen 38 per cent.

About half its entire contingency budget has already been spent in the first four months of the financial vear, mostly on more expensive agency staff, he said.

A union warned large numbers of temporary staff could damage patient care because of a lack of

The alert comes after the trust's biggest-ever inspection raised concerns about "lack of sufficient numbers"

Mr Mansfield said: "We have not budgeted for that high level of agency staff. Our level of agency spending has been an issue for a long time. We are in a very volatile position with high levels of activity and high levels of vacancies.

He said £6.4m – "about half" the contingency budget – was spent in the first four months of the financial

He said: "We need to reduce our expenditure to agencies and be able to manage our budgets more carefully. We can only go to agencies when it is absolutely

He told board members that it

By Alex Wynick

spent £13m on bank and agency staff from April to July, up 38 per cent on the same period in 2013.

That included £4m on agency nurses and midwives, £1.7m on technicians, scientists and therapists, £200,000 on doctors and £3.5m on other staff.

It means 6.2 per cent of the total pay bill for the trust - which has 9,556 full-time staff – went on

For example, Ambition 24 Hours pays about £30 an hour to nurses, compared to about £13 for those in

But chief nurse Catherine Stoddart said the trust was still meeting safe staffing targets in nursing and midwiferv



Director of finance and procurement at the OUHT, Mark Mansfield

She said: "There's an operation to increase our nurses workforce as part of our ongoing recruitment plan. It's a national issue of recruitment."

Non-executive director Prof Sir John Bell said: "It's clear that we're going to continue to run into these very choppy waters as demand grows. The only way to change our position is to try to change the profile of the workforce.

"The executive team are swimming as hard as they can to keep their heads above water. If we stay on the current target, the water is going to get choppier and choppier."

Royal College of Nursing union spokesman Helen Wigginton said: "It's a terrible way to recruit your staff. It's a short-term fix.

"Agency staff shouldn't be the default and standard position.

"It would be much, much better to recruit properly and have a full complement of staff."

She added: "It's not just the financial side, it's really hard to build cohesive teams and that's really difficult for management.

"It's difficult for the nurses to parachute into a hospital and suddenly be able to pick it up and know how everything works.

"We aren't producing enough nurses.

further.

"There aren't the number of people that's needed to fill in the gaps. Nurses don't grow on trees." The trust refused to comment

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InCOURT

Verdicts from magistrates' courts around the county

- SORREL CANNON, 19, of Ribston Close, Banbury, admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, at People's Park, Bath Road, Banbury, on June 19. Also admitted committing an offence while subject to a 12-month conditional discharge for possessing a Class-B drug. Fined a total of £90 for both offences and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.
- ADRIAN FANNON, 36, of Evenlode, Banbury, admitted stealing three hanging baskets worth £15 from Co-op in Ruscote Arcade, Banbury. Given a community order with a six-week curfew between 7pm and 7am. Also ordered to pay £15 compensation and a £60 victims' surcharge.
- JAYNE BUZZARD, 20, and Annie Newton, 18, of Mawle Court, George Street, Banbury, admitted stealing a sat nav from a vehicle in Hanwell Fields, Banbury, stealing an iPod touch and sunglasses from a car in Lord Fielding Close, Banbury, and attempting to steal items from another car in Lord Fielding Close on July 21. Also admitted stealing a sat nav from a vehicle in Romney Road, Banbury, other items of value unknown from a vehicle in Hereford Way, sunglasses from a vehicle in Grandison Way, Banbury, electrical items, sunglasses and CDs of value

unknown from a vehicle in Devon Way, Banbury, and items of unknown value from two other cars in Devon Way and Lord Grandison Way on July 21. Each given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.

- JAMES CHRISTOPHER, of Springhill Cottage, Pudlicote, admitted keeping an unlicensed vehicle on a public road, namely West Street, Chipping Norton, on April 23. Fined £135 and ordered to pay £70.42 vehicle excise back duty and £90 costs.
- JASON FULLER, 43, of Fulwell Close, Banbury, admitted stealing four cans of Stella Artois worth £5 from Tesco Express in Middleton Road, Banbury, on July 22. Given a six-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.
- STEVE JACKSON, 29, of Broughton Road, Banbury, admitted assault by beating in Banbury on June 14 and again on June 17. Also admitted criminal damage after damaging a television set, two plates, and putting a hole through a wall in Goodwood Close, Chesterton, on March 2. Also convicted of assault by beating in Goodwood Close, Chesterton on March 2.

Sentenced to four months in prison. Restraining orders made. Told to pay a total of £650 in compensation.

- STEPHEN BAXTER, 45, of Centre Street, Banbury, admitted possession of a Class-B drug, amphetamine, in Banbury on June 21. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge.
- SHAUN CAREY, 31, of Daimler Avenue, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in George Street, Banbury, on August 3. Fined £95 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.
- BARTHOLOMEW COX, 27, of Addison Road, Banbury, admitted possession of 14 wraps of Class-B drug cannabis in Banbury on June 1. Fined £140 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.
- RYAN KANE, 29, of Oxford Road, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in George Street, Banbury, on August 3. Fined £45 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.
- DAWID BARANOWSKI, 23, of Mold Crescent, Banbury, admitted possession of Class-B drug cannabis in Moorfield Court, West

Street, Banbury, on June 26. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

- STEVEN WILLIAMS, 42, of Hailey Road, Chipping Norton, admitted criminal damage after destroying a laminated 6ft by 4ft window with decorative lettering worth £500 at The Old Mill Restaurant in West Street, Chipping Norton, on August 15. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and a restraining order made for a year. Told to pay £100 compensation and a £15 victims' surcharge.
- BRENDAN O'NEILL, 25, of Glamis Place, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in High Street, Banbury, on August 16. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge.
- TAMARA NASH, 23, of Longlands Way, Banbury, admitted failing to promptly notify Cherwell District Council of circumstances, namely she had savings in excess of the permitted limit, that would affect her entitlement to housing benefit between July 16, 2012, and November 13 last year. Also admitted failing to promptly notify the Department for Work and Pensions of the same

circumstances that would affect her entitlement to income support in the same period. Given a 12month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge.

- JAKE PREEDY, 22, of Mascord Road, Banbury, admitted using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress in George Street, Banbury, on May 25. Fined £75 and told to pay £20 compensation, a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.
- NICOLE LEWIS, 23, of Windmill Street, Deddington, admitted driving without insurance in Bolton Road, Banbury, on February 14. Fined £300 and told to pay a £30 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Given six points on driving licence.
- BARRY WILLIAMS, 33, of Moorfield Crescent, Banbury, admitted attempted criminal damage to shop fronts belonging to Castle Cobblers, The Cake Shop, Wilkinsons, Trev and Petes Shearing Shed, and The Banbury Appliance Centre in Bridge Street, Banbury, on May 18. Given a two-year conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £35 costs.





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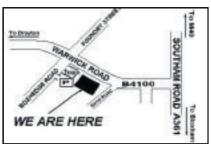
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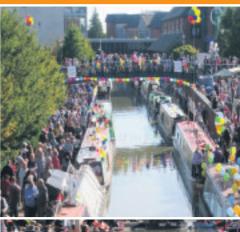
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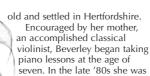
Beverley back in our hearts

ne of Britain's most successful singersongwriters makes her long-awaited and highly anticipated musical comeback by swinging by Banbury as part of a 36-date nationwide tour.

Beverley's new album Change of Heart, is already being lauded by many as her finest collection to date and the release coincides with a UK tour from this month until the end of the year. The album of 11 original songs demonstrates she still writes from deep within the heart about experiences and emotions that have truly touched her.

BRIT award-winner Beverley became a household name in the 1990s with the release of her eponymous debut which became a global hit, selling more than two million copies. Her 1991 single, Promise Me, became a hit across Europe and she followed this with a string of successes including *Memories*, Holding On, Woman To Woman and Love Scenes

Now in 2009, after a lengthy break raising her family, Beverley is back with Close To Home, her first studio album in ten years. Beverley was born in Sri Lanka in 1963. Her family relocated back to the UK when she was 18 months



offered a job as a backing vocalist on tour with soul legend Bobby Womack, and then in 1988, one of her demo tapes fell into the hands of Epic Records who offered her a recording contract. Promise Me shot to No.3 in the UK charts in 1991, following appearances on *Wogan* and *Top of the*

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Almost 18 years later, Beverley has sold more than three million albums worldwide. In 2004, while promoting her Very Best Of compilation album, Beverley found out she had breast cancer. Following extensive treatment she was finally given the all-clear and stepped back into the limelight in 2009. Her 2012 autobiography *Truth Be Told* told the story of her hugely successful career and documented the surprising life events she has encountered over recent years.

Beverley Craven, tonight (Thursday), 8pm. Tickets £18. Call The Mill on 01295 279002 or visit www.themillartscentre.co.uk



rom stripes to plaid to chiffon there's a definite hint of "pyjama" around Banbury

Cross Players this week. Director Trish Thompson elegantly attired, introduced the (similarly pyjama-clad) cast of BCP's forthcoming production of Alan Ayckbourn's Bedroom Farce to a packed audience at The Mill

this week at BCP's season preview. The production team have been working non-stop to pull together the required number of beds, bedside tables, lamps and other assorted bedroom scenery in addition to gaining the generous support of Banbury's West

Cornwall Pasty Co. The production introduces Trevor & Susannah, whose marital problems doom their friends' evenings to disaster as they descend



on everyone in turn - leaving complete chaos in their wake in this hectic and hilarious comedy The production opens on October 15, 7.45pm and runs until October 18. Tickets are available

www.themillartscentre.co.uk. For more information about Banbury Cross Players, email call Linda Shaw on 07802 301726. from The Mill box office by calling www.banburycrossplayers.co.uk

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CATCH A FALLING STAR Caring, lov CATCH A FALLING STAR Caring, loy-ing, loyal, 47 year old Buckingham female, 5'4", curvy, brown eyes, enjoy going to pubs, dancing, music. WLTM a loyal, independent male, for companionship and maybe more. Call 0995 005 2559 and enter box number 165815

COULD IT BE MAGIC? Spiritual and genuine Didcot woman, 48, attrac-tive, fun, with grown up children, likes clubs, cafes, music, films, walks and reading, seeking a caring and optimistic man, for friendship first. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123828

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Mitton Keynes female, 51, 5'3'' enjoys keeping fit and all the normal things, searching for a decent, romantic man, to share loving times and future happiness. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172417 or send a text to 80360

LET'S LIVE A LITTLE Kind, 51 year LEI'S LIVE A LITILE Kind, 51 year old Mitton Keynes female, 5'3", blue eyes, blonde hair, like going out for meals, cosy drinks, walking and cosy nights in. Seeks a sincere, honest, reliable male to get neter box number 174590 or send a text to 80360

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005 2359 and enter box number
172351 or send a text to 80360

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ARE YOU MY MAN? Sincere, 54 ARE YOU MY MAN? Sincere, 54 year old Bedford lady, 5;3", brunette, slim, enjoy eating in and out, walks, places of interest and swimming. Would like to meet a genuine male, aged 55-58, for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173512 or send a text to 80360

ANYONE FOR LOVE? Happy, 56 year old Luton female, widow, enjoys holidays and travel, cooking and entertaining. Would like to meet a happy, 101 male, with a good sense of humour, to enjoy evenings in and out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 167294 or send a text to 80360 SOMETHING LASTING Perceptive.

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A COSY NIGHT IN? Kind, caring, 59 year old Aylesbury female, like walking, carboots, cinema, meals out or nights in watching television. Seeks a male for company and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2559 and enter box number 17,7977 or sepad a text to R0360 177977 or send a text to 80360

1/19/7 or send a text to 80300 ARE YOU MY MATCH? Kind, 59 year old Abingdon female, 5'2'' red hair, medium build, 10'e gardening, DIY, fun cosy nights in and cats. Seeking a genuine man with a good sense of humour for a romantic relationship. Call 905 005 2359 and enter box number 137344 or send a text to 80360 173744 or send a text to 80360

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with similar interests, to share a
life together. Call 0905 005 2359
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TABLE FOR TWO? Cenuine, sincere, 60 year old Witney lady, loves going to concerts and listening to music. Would like to meet a fun-loving gentleman with a vest for life, for friendship and more.

Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173-256. number 172746

SAME WAVELENGTH? Warm and sincere Abingdon female, 60, en-joys cycling, boot sales and walk-ing the dog, would like to meet a calm, genuine and honest man, to share friendship and enjoy happy times with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178761 or send a text to 80360

EVERYONE NEEDS SOMEONE Loving, professional, honest Bedford woman, 60, enjoys outdoor sports, singing, the gym and home life, would like to meet a man, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150736

SENSUAL Down-to-earth, vibrant, sensual Milton Keynes woman, 60, blonde hair, would like to meet an open-minded, kind, understanding gent, for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156926

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TIME TO START AFRESH Warm and attractive Witney female, 62, 5'2", curvy build, likes cooking, evenings out and all the nice things, now seeking a friendly and faithful man, to share and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289 or send 64 year old Bicester female, enjoy reading, gardening, rugby, watch-ing sports, eating out, holidays, short breaks, theatre and cin ema. Seeks a male for friendship initially. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175514 or send a text to 80360

THIS ENCHANTED EVENING Intelingent, smartle LevenNG Intelligent, smartly dressed, 64 year old Witney female, widow, who enjoys socialising, theatre, cinema and holidays. Seeks a male to spend the evenings and weekends with who has similar interests. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170119

COMPANY AND CONVERSATION Friendly, sincere, genuine, 64 year old Bedford female, widow, likes animals, gardening and walking. Would like to meet someone friendly, to go for a drink or a meal out with, company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171628

DESCRIBE YOURSELF Fun loving Bedford male, 65, open minded and active, likes cosy times in, social drinks, reading and music, would like to meet a male, for friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 154642 or send a text to 80360

COMPANY AND MORE Friendly, honest, 67 year old Aylesbury fe-male, retired, widow, non-smoker, like holidays and camping. Would like to meet a male aged 60-65 fo company, maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176427 or send a text to 80360

RELY ON ME Happy, friendly, christian woman, 67, enjoys long walks along the coast, puzzles and 60s music, looking for a N/S, christian man, to share friendship and a little bit of romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box numb 149039 or send a text to 80360

ADVENTURES AHEAD Loving, caring, 68 year old Aylesbury lady, widow, like socialising, holidays, camping and meals out. Would like to meet a gentleman for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173593 or send a text to 80360

REACH NEW HEIGHTS Slim, attractive, professional Bucks lady, 68, with a zest for life, enjoys cooking, walks, reading, DIY and aviation, searching for an active and interesting man, to add a little colour to life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175611 box number 175611

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WALK OF LIFE Self-assured, strongminded and motivated Bamptor girl, 72, just looking to meet a friendly, trustworthy male, for a special and lasting relationship.
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MIX AND MATCH Sociable 35 year old Oxford guy, like running, outdoors, art and music. Searching for an outgoing girl, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174011 or send a text to 80360

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FEEL THE LOVE Lively and loyal
Oxford male, 40, 5'10", medium
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Si-fi film that is just as bland as it is colourless

Fi/Drama/Romance/Action. Brenton Thwaites, Odeya Rush, Cameron Monaghan, Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Alexander Skarsgard, Katie Holmes, Emma Tremblay, Taylor Swift. Director: Phillip Noyce.

appiness is an illusion in The Giver, a sci-fi thriller based on the bestselling novel by Lois Lowry about a highly regimented society, which erases memories of the past in order to secure a utopian future.

Children are genetically engineered and placed with parents, who raise them until a ceremony which designates a role to each young adult.

Citizens don't see colour and they have no concept of dishonesty, hunger, jealousy, suffering, violence

Sameness is cherished: identical family structures, identical homes, identical clothes. Everybody fits in because society

has been designed that way. In Phillip Noyce's film, conformity also snuffs out love passion and defiance - the sparks to the flame of the indefatigable human spirit - until one intelligent

Jonas (Brenton Thwaites) lives in apparent bliss with his parents (Álexander Skarsgard, Katie

young man speaks out.

Holmes), little sister Lily (Emma Tremblay) and best friends Fiona (Odeya Rush) and Asher (Cameron Monaghan).

At the annual graduation ceremony, the Chief Elder (Meryl

Streep) christens Jonas the new Receiver of Memories. He will become the community''s keeper of ancient recollections that are

denied to the rest of the populous. You will learn the secret history of the world – before you, before me, generations back," explains the Giver of Memories (Jeff Bridges), who introduces the teenager to terrifying concepts of pain, sadness, war and death.

This brutal education arouses Jonas's true feelings for Fiona and the young man dares to suggest that every citizen should be blessed with memories of the past - good and bad - which marks him as a dangerous rebel in the eyes of the Council of Elders.

The Giver matures the book's 12year-old hero to a handsome teenager in order to appeal to audiences who have thrilled and swooned to the vastly superior *The* Hunger Games and Divergent franchises.

Michael Mitnick and Robert B Weide's script simplifies themes to keep the running time trim, leaving us - perhaps fittingly - in a similar state to the futuristic populace: unmoved and apathetic.

Noyce's film is as bland as the colourless world that Jonas inhabits, starving the thinly sketched characters of emotion and the cast of anything to sink their teeth into.

Thwaites is a sympathetic hero but Bridges and Streep are squandered and the central romance with Rush doesn't achieve a single prickle of sexual tension.

Chastity is dutifully upheld apart



A scene from The Giver, with Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges

Picture: PA Photo/The Weinstein Company

from a couple of lingering, wet kisses.

Vibrant red seeps into the black and white cinematography as Jonas's eyes are opened to the truth, and Noyce introduces action elements including a cliff-top chase to the turgid teen angst, augmented with workmanlike special effects.

Audiences who receive The Giver will experience a similar memory wipe to Jonas and his kin and forget everything about the film as the end

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Shama earns Puritans a deserved point



Josh Shama, who scored the equaliser as Banbury United held St Neots to a draw

JOSH Shama scored a second-half equaliser as Banbury United grabbed a deserved point at the Spencer Stadium against the fourth-placed side in the Southern League's Premier Division on Saturday.

But the result was not enough to lift the Puritans off the bottom.

Banbury, who gave a first start to recent signing Arron Wickham, had to absorb severe St Neots pressure with Jay Davies testing home keeper Leigh Bedwell with a free-kick which he grabbed at the second

A minute later, Bedwell tipped a 12-yard shot from Drew Roberts around the post after being set up by former Puritan Lewis

Bedwell then kept out a fierce shot from

Banbury United (Shama 56)

St Neots Town

(Davies pen 25)

Hillier. Banbury started to get back into the game, with Walcott picking out the run of Shama but the Oxford United Ioanee's shot flew wide.

However, on 25 minutes the visitors went ahead. The referee adjudged that Tom Fishwick had clipped the leg of Roberts as he was running through, with Jay Davies converted the spot-kick low to Bedwell's right hand side

Banbury finished the half the stronger, with Banbury's other U's loanee, Aiden Hawtin, firing wide.

Paul Davis's side kept up the pressure and they were rewarded with the equaliser nine minutes into the second half.

And what a goal it was.

Shama picked up a pass from Marvin Martin from just inside the St Neots half before charging forward and unleashing a fierce low drive from 25 yards which flew past Jamie Greygoose low down to his

Banbury briefly flickered, but St Neots turned up the heat with Bedwell denying Roberts shot from eight yards, before Bruce Wilson saw his effort rebound off a post.

Banbury almost won it at the death, but Elias Katsoloudi's shot was blocked. Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, Msungwana, Martin, Fishwick, Ryan, Browne (Westbrook 90), Hawtin, Shama, Wickham (Howards 80), Walcott (Katsoloudi 89). Subs not used:Tappin, Hartigan

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